Board on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Public Instruction after charges preferred and trial had. The salaries of all officers, teachers, secretaries, clerks and employees shall be fixed by said Board, not to exceed in the aggregate the amount appropriated by ordinance. Whenever the construction of a new school house or the enlargement and repairs of an old school house is authorized, the instructions of the Board of School Commissioners shall be regarded by the Inspector of Buildings in the preparation of his plans, and no plans shall be finally adopted without the concurrence of said Board. All text-books, stationery and furniture required for the public schools shall be purchased by the said Board after a compliance with all the requirements of sections 14 and 15 of this Article except the requirement of said section as to the Board to open and award said contracts.

The said Board shall appoint the Principal, Professors, Tutors and Instructors of the City College, the Principals, Tutors and Instructors of the Polytechnic Institutes, and of the High Schools. It shall also appoint a Superintendent of Public Instruction and one or more Assistant Superintendents of Public Instruction, one of whom shall be the First Assistant, and shall act as Superintendent of Public Instruction if that officer is disabled. The said Superintendents shall all be persons of education and experience in the management of schools, and they shall be not less than twenty-five years of age, at the time of their appointment, and shall discharge the duties herein prescribed and such other duties as the said Board may direct. In order to secure the continuance of local interest in and oversight of the public schools, there shall be appointed annually by said Board such number of unpaid School Visitors as may be found requisite. One or more of these Visitors shall be assigned to every school, and every Visitor so assigned shall be a resident or engaged in business within half a mile of the school to which he or she is assigned, so that the parents and inhabitants of every neighborhood may have easy access to an official of the public schools. The said Visitors shall perform the duties hereinafter prescribed, and such other duties as the said Board may direct. The said Board may also appoint a Supervisor of the Heating, Plumbing and Ventilation of